(*d*) An annual grant of Rs. 400 is allotted for the maintenance. The works done are effective for the purpose.

(*e*) The matter is under consideration.

MR. P. K. NARAYANA PILLAI (*Ambalapuzha I*): In answer to part (*a*), will the member be pleased to explain how the shallowness was brought about?

MR. G. B. E. TRUSCOTT (*Chief Engineer*): I cannot say.

MR. P. K. NARAYANA PILLAI (*Ambalapuzha I*): Has the Chief Engineer made any inspection of that particular river?

MR. G. B. E. TRUSCOTT (*Chief Engineer*): No.

MR. N. E. VARUGHESE (*Tiruvalla I*): തലവടി ആറ് എന്നപറയുന്നത് എവിടംമുതൽ എവിടംവരെയുള്ളതാണ്?

MR. G. B. E TRUSCOTT (*Chief Engineer*): It is the river which passes through Talavadi.

MR. K. R. ELENKATH (*Kalkulam I*): May I know whether the Chief Engineer received any report from the authorities concerned about the silting up of the river?

MR. G. B. E. TRUSCOTT (*Chief Engineer*): It is reported that the river is shallow.

Market at Venjaramoodu in Nedumangad taluk.

190. * **MR. S. J. NAIR** (*Nedumangad*): Will the Government be pleased to state whether they are aware of the unlevelled and dirty condition of the Venjaramoodu market in the Nedumangad taluk?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Land Revenue and Income Tax Commissioner*): It is reported that the market is not in a dirty condition and that the uneven surface of the market site does not cause any inconvenience to the market-going public.

MR. S. J. NAIR (*Nedumangad*): May I know who reported that the market is not in a dirty condition?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Land Revenue and Income Tax Commissioner*): The Tahsildar.

MR. E. V. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Pattanamtitta*): Is not the report made by a subordinate officer confidential? Can the member in charge of the Department divulge the information? Is such a question allowable, Sir?

PRESIDENT: I do not think it is.

MR. S. J. NAIR (*Nedumangad*): May I know whether any higher authorities were asked to report about the matter to corroborate whether the information supplied by the Tahsildar was correct or not?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Land Revenue and Income Tax Commissioner*): It does not appear from the papers that any higher authorities were asked to inspect the place.

MR. S. J. NAIR (*Nedumangad*): May I know whether any of the higher authorities will be pleased to go and inspect the market and satisfy himself that it is not in a good condition?

PRESIDENT: That is not asking for information.

MR. M. SIVATANU PILLAI (*Tovala*): May I know whether the report of the Tahsildar was received after this interpellation was placed into the hands of the member?

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MR. K. GEORGE (*Land Revenue and Income Tax Commissioner*): The Tahsildar inspected the market before the interpellation was put into the hands of Government.

MR. PUTHUPALLI S. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Quilon I*): Is fish sold in that market?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Land Revenue and Income Tax Commissioner*): I claim notice.

MR. PUTHUPALLI S. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Quilon I*): Is there any special arrangement made for cleansing the market on market days?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Land Revenue and Income Tax Commissioner*): Yes, there are sweepers for that purpose.

MR. PUTHUPALLI S. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Quilon I*): Are there drains constructed around the market?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Land Revenue and Income Tax Commissioner*): I cannot say now.

Mundakan cultivation on either side of the Kartikapalli canal.

191. ❋ MR. V. RAMAKRISHNA PANICKAR (*Kartikapalli II*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether they are aware that the flow of brine water from the Kayankulam backwaters during the annual ebbs injuriously affects the *mundakan* paddy cultivation on either side of the Kartikapalli canal; and

(*b*) whether the construction of a lock at Poothottumuttu was not suggested in the Sri Mulam Popular Assembly and approved by them?

MR. G. B E. TRUSCOTT (*Chief Engineer*): (*a*) Yes.

(*b*) Yes. An estimate has been sanctioned for Rs. 385 for putting up a temporary bund and lock. The work has been provided for in this year's (1109) budget.

Statement of clerks in the Judicial Department.

192. ❋ MR. V. RAMAKRISHNA PANICKAR (*Kartikapalli II*): Will the Government be pleased to place on the table a list of clerks in the Judicial Department arranged according to seniority as they stood on 1-1-1107 and on 1-1-1109?

RAO SAHIB DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*): Government do not propose to call for the information as the time and labour involved in its collection is out of all proportion to any possible utility.

Supervision in the Office of the Director of Public Instruction.

193. ❋ MR. PUTHUPALLI S. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Quilon II*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether their attention has been drawn to the statement in the Travancore Education Committee Report that, owing to lack of supervision in the Director's Office public money may have been embezzled;

(*b*) whether the Head Accountant in the Director's Office is responsible for such state of affairs and, if so, to what ex ent;

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